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Court Quashes Sentence and Remits
Fines Against Him.

Paris, April 1.—The court of session on Saturday quashed the sentence of one year's imprisonment and three thousand francs fine imposed upon Emile Zola on February 23, a result of the collapse of the charges made by him in the Aurore against the conduct of the Esterhazy court martial; but the court has not ordered a trial before another Assize.

The decision is based on the fact that the president of the court martial should have lodged the complaint against M. Zola, instead of the Minister of War, as it was the court martial that was assailed by the famous author and editor.

The Aurore contains a statement from M. Clemenceau, who acted as counsel for the paper in the Zola trial, in which he accuses the Minister of War, Gen. Billot, of attempting to coerce the court of appeals into sustaining the conviction of Zola. M. Clemenceau says:

"I surprised Gen. Billot at the Senate in conversation with the president of the court. When the president protested against the attempts of the Minister of War to intimidate him, Gen. Billot replied, 'Then all I can say is that you are preparing the way for a revolution, of which you will be the first victim.'"

THIS HOLE NEEDS FILLING.

At Fifth and Harrison streets there is a very bad hole. It is a cave-in where the sewerage trench was filled, and a plank had to be inserted as a warning to boats.

The fine Easter display of beautiful novelties at Noah's Ark is now being admired by their many customers. Make your selections early before the stock is broken.

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Our toothache drops give quick relief.

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WASHINGTON SITUATION UNCHANGED.

The War Fever Still Raging and
Everything Points to an
Early Opening of
Hostilities.

PRESIDENT WRITING MESSAGE.

Still Determined Upon Cuban In-
dependence and Armed Inter-
vention. He so Stated This
Morning To a Friend.

SPAIN TRYING THE MEDIATION DODGE.

Washington, April 4.—Bulletin: Sagasta cables this afternoon that the Pope's mediation is the only hope of averting war.

Washington, April 4.—The state of the relations between this country and Spain are unchanged. Everything points to war. The peace party is bringing great pressure to bear on the president, but his policy is unchanged. He stated this morning in a conversation that his policy was still Cuban independence and armed intervention. The president seems to be more cheerful today than at any time for weeks. He is evidently greatly relieved now that the intense uncertainty is over and the course of this government has been fully decided upon.

Spain is still trying the mediation dodge, but unsuccessfully, as in the past. Should Spain prevail upon some European government to offer its services, they would be rejected by congress. Upon that point congress is a unit, that this is our affair and we want no interference.

It is said that Spain has been even trying to get the Pope to urge McKinley to accept mediation. But it is very doubtful if the Vatican could be induced to take such a step. There is no doubt but that the Pope has the best interests of Spain at heart, but he is far too sagacious to attempt to interfere in the present crisis.

Spain's plan now is to offer an armistice to the Cubans with the hope of staying off the threatening war. But this step will fail in changing the President's plans. No confidence is placed in any of Spain's promises. In the meantime Spain is mobilizing a fleet at Cadiz and is rushing war preparations with the greatest vigor.

There was a lively tilt in the house this morning over a bill appropriating funds to buy private lands for fortification sites. The bill was passed.

The President's message will go to congress Wednesday. He is at work on the document now.

The United States purchased more war vessels today and is pushing to a close its negotiations in foreign countries. In all other respects the preparations of this government for war continue on the most gigantic scale. There is no abatement in interest and the excitement is intense. Congress will wait for the President's message, but will then take action if he does not take the initiative himself.

READY TO MOVE TODAY.

When the Texas Arrives the Flying
Squadron Will Be Com-
plete.

St. Monroe, La., April 4.—The cruiser Minneapolis ran up Hampton Roads at 6 o'clock Saturday night and anchored with the flying squadron. When the battleship Texas arrives the squadron will be finished with the exception of dispatch boat.

The work of cleaning the bottom of the battleship Massachusetts was completed this morning. The cruiser Columbia has finished her coat of grey paint and is ready for action. Commodore Schley told the Associated Press correspondent Saturday that he would be all ready to move up today. He added: "The general public evidently believes the minute war is declared that minute we begin to shoot. The fact is that it might be many days after the declaration of war before we would be called on for action."

DIED IN MARSHALL.

Mrs. Sam McGee, aged 23, wife of a well known farmer near Palma, died yesterday.

Noah's Ark beautiful Easter window is the center of attraction on Broadway. The front of the store was crowded yesterday by admiring passersby.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE WEDNESDAY.

All Negotiations With Spain
Have Ceased, and War Fol-
lows Unless Spain
Accedes.

ANSWER CONSIDERED AS FINAL.

Steps Already Taken to Protect
Our Consuls in Cuba, Who
Will Assemble at
Havana.

FOREIGN MEDIATION OUT OF QUESTION.

A Washington special to the New York Herald of Saturday says: Diplomatic negotiations between the United States and Spain have ceased. Though they have not yet been formally severed.

President McKinley's message to congress on Wednesday next will be, so to speak, an ultimatum to Spain. Then will come, doubtless, a formal ending of our diplomatic relations with the Spanish government and the withdrawal of our minister and consuls from Spain and Cuba, together with a formal declaration directing all Americans in Spain and Cuba to place themselves under the protection of the foreign representatives of some other country, probably Great Britain.

Believing that war is coming, the state department has already taken steps for the protection of the American consuls and other Americans in Cuba. Instructions were sent last night, directing all consuls and consular agents to close their offices and proceed at once to Havana. Arrangements have also been made for their safe conduct to the United States as soon as it is definitely settled that hostilities are to commence. Minister Woodford and all of our consuls in Spain have also been ordered to hold themselves in readiness for a hurried call.

SPAIN'S ANSWER FINAL.

The President has a lingering hope that Spain may yet find some way of complying with our demands. Therefore, it is not his intention to recall Minister Woodford until the last moment. No advance will be made from this side in the direction of reopening negotiations, and, from the way Minister Polo talked at the legation today, Spain has given her final answer, yet it is known here that France and Great Britain, as governments, and the financial representatives of those two countries, controlling the big Spanish debt, are bringing great pressure to bear upon Spain for the purpose of having the Madrid government take action at once toward conceding the independence of Cuba.

The authorities here are in a passive frame of mind, and would willingly take up the negotiations with Spain again if the motion came from the other side. They will not, however, voluntarily resume diplomatic negotiations regarding the general Cuban question. They abandoned the idea of submitting an ultimatum, which seemed to be the purpose, last night, because they had a faint suspicion that if this were not done Spain would again approach us.

Mediation by any European power is entirely out of the question. The administration knows perfectly well that congress would not consent to foreign mediation, and although anxious for peace, would not entertain a proposition of this kind in the face of the attitude of congress and public sentiment.

ORDERS FOR THE NAVY.

Believing that war is certain to follow the transmission of the President's message to congress on the Cuban question, Secretary Long, by direction of the President, issued orders today for an offensive movement of the naval forces of the United States immediately upon the declaration of hostilities.

At the word, therefore, the fleet under the command of Capt. W. T. Sampson will proceed to Havana; the Flying Squadron, under the command of Commodore W. S. Schley, will steam at its greatest speed for Porto Rico, and the Asiatic Squadron, under the command of Commodore George Dewey, will start from Hong Kong, where it is now gathered, for the Philippine islands, three days after the declaration of war the clippers of Havana, San Juan and Manila will be under the guns of formidable squadrons, and every effort will be made to reduce them as quickly as possible.

HUNDREDS OF LIVES LOST.

Shawneetown Overwhelmed By the Waters of the Rising Ohio.

The Levees Broke Last Night at 9 O'Clock and People Were Imprisoned in Their Homes.

IT IS REPORTED THAT 400 LIVES HAVE BEEN LOST.

One Hundred Bodies Thus Far Have Been Recovered and Three Hundred Peo- ple Are Missing.

HALF OF THE HOUSES SWEEP AWAY BY THE RELENTLESS FLOOD.

Terror-Stricken People Seeking Safety on the Housetops, in Trees and on the Hillsides.

TWO THOUSAND PEOPLE

Now Imprisoned in the Second Stories of Public and Pri- vate Buildings.

RELIEF EXPEDITIONS ARE SENT.

All Boats in Evansville Have Offered to Carry Supplies to the Stricken City.

TWO HUGE LEVEES GAVE WAY

And Submerged the City to a Depth of Ten Feet—Lower Half of the Town Swept Away.

THE LATEST DETAILS ARE APPALLING.

Shawneetown, Ill., about 75 miles up the Ohio river, was washed away last night about 9 o'clock by the breaking of the levee that surrounded the place. Hundreds were lost in the terrible disaster, and the horror of the situation increases with each report. The first dispatch received was:

Evansville, Ind., April 4.—The flood horror at Shawneetown, Ill., grows with each minute. The latest reliable bulletin says four hundred bodies recovered, three hundred missing, with half the houses in town swept away. At least one-half of the people are on hills and house tops and other available places without food or shelter. Three relief trains are en route, but slow time is made on account of washouts. Floods pouring in Shawneetown through the broken levees caused the disaster. Cities and governors wired for aid.

The city nestled down below the levees, and the water is now up to the second story of most of the houses. Shawneetown is about 85 miles above Paducah, on the Illinois side. It was situated down below the levee, which surrounds the city in order to protect it in time of flood.

Its population was about 2000 or more, and the levee had been strained for several days, in imminent danger of breaking. When once in the city, families were instantaneously submerged, and many were caught in their houses like rats in traps. The darkness and roar of the maddened waters added to the horror. The city was so far below the river level that the water is now up to the second story of many of the buildings.

All who could sought safety on elevations, and many spent the night on house tops, without food and shelter, and with danger of every moment being swept away.

Three or four railroads, the L. & N., and B. & O. S. W., among them, ran into the place, but the water played such havoc for miles

school houses and other public and private buildings in the town. They are without food or coal and are all suffering terribly from hunger, cold and exposure.

The water covers the city from ten to thirty feet deep and all the houses in the lower part of the town have been washed away.

It is impossible to state how many lives have been lost. First report put the number as high as 700. But this seems to be greatly exaggerated. The latest and most conservative estimates place the number at 100. It is said that 100 bodies have been recovered. But from the manner in which the people are imprisoned in their homes, it is impossible to make a guess at the number known to be drowned or the number missing.

Another relief expedition left the city at noon conveying a large quantity of meat, bread, canned goods and whiskey. All the boats now in port have tendered their services free of charge. A relief subscription has been started which will be taken this evening by the John S. Hopkins. The loss of life was principally among the better class of white people. But two negroes were drowned. It is

that relief trains could not pass with food and fuel for the sufferers. Skiffs were started from Cypress Junction with supplies, and to also learn the extent of the damage and the loss of life.

Shawneetown was once before threatened with such a disaster, and the levee broke in daytime, but the inhabitants were warned in time to flee. Many Paducahs have friends and relatives in Shawneetown. There was considerable anxiety experienced by many of these today when the news of the great calamity reached the city.

The condition of the levee had been such for several days that boats were not allowed to land.

GROWING WORSE.

Are the Terrible Details of the Shawneetown Flood Dis- aster.

Number of Dead Believed to Be
200—Property Loss Is
Enormous.

Evansville, 3:00 p. m.—It is believed that the Shawneetown disaster was caused by gophers undermining the levees.

Evansville, 3:08 p. m.—It is now believed that 150 perished in the Shawneetown flood. The governor is sending a relief train but the floods are keeping back trains. Boats carrying clothing and relief left at noon. Only one small store of business portion left standing.

Evansville, 3:30 p. m.—Every report only adds horror to the Shawneetown flood. The lowest estimate as to the loss of life is now 200, and it is feared that the number will be much larger. Many bodies will never be found as they have already been washed away. The property loss is incalculable. People on the housetops without food, are almost crazy from long vigil. It is believed the refuge boat will get there tonight with food enough to relieve the situation. The city is without telephone, telegraph or railroad connections.

Evansville, Ind., 2:37 p. m.—The latest news from Shawneetown gives a terrible picture of the distress and destruction wrought by the flood. Two thousand people are confined to the top stories of the court house, the

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Impossible to procure the names of
the dead and missing now.

THE MARKETS.

Months	Open	High	Low	Close
July wheat	84.5	84.7	84.2	84.3
May corn	50.1	50.5	50.3	50.5
May oats	35.2	35.5	35.3	35.4
May pork	4.00	4.02	3.99	3.97
May lard	3.50	3.53	3.49	3.52
May rice	5.55	5.57	5.52	5.55
May cotton	6.00	6.03	5.99	5.97

RIVER NEWS.

EVANSVILLE BULLETIN.
Cairo, 19.6, rising.
Cincinnati, 12.1, falling.
Cleveland, 17.5, falling.
Evansville, 11.5, falling.
Florence, 11.5, falling.
Johnsboro, 18.7, rising.
Louisville, 28.8, falling.
Mt. Carmel, 25.1, falling.
Nashville, 18.5, falling.
Pittsburg, 8.0, falling.
Davis Island, 9.3, falling.
St. Louis, 19.0, falling.
Paducah, 16.5, rising.
The tugboat William Towell arrived out of the Cumberland river afternoon with a big tow of spoked. She had three barges in tow loaded with timber which aggregated 500,000 spoked.
Now that the upper portion of the Dick Fowler's chimneys have been taken off, it makes quite a change in

her appearance and she looks as ferocious as a vicious dog when she backs out from the wharf bound for the lower Ohio every morning. She left this morning at 8:30 for Cairo. The H. W. Buttorff was in out of the Cumberland river early this morning and left on her return to Clarksville today at noon.

CIRCUIT COURT.

Circuit court convened today in regular April term, with a big docket.

Judge D. L. Husbands is presiding, with Commonwealth's Attorney W. F. Bradshaw and County Attorney Eugene Graves to assist.

Sheriff Rogers and Deputies Gus Rogers, R. C. Ueberback and J. S. Young were sworn in.

The reports of magistrates and constables were received. The grand jury was empaneled as follows:

Chas. Pierce, F. E. Lack, Frank Diegel, James Koger, J. R. Cosby, J. W. Collier, J. King Greif, John Bryant, J. P. Malone, S. H. Clark, John F. Hawkins and L. S. Gleaves. Capt. James Koger was selected foreman.

Mrs. Bertie Wilber was elected court stenographer.

Judge Husbands charged the grand jury, and there was no court this afternoon. The petit jury will be empaneled tomorrow.

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Committee.

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OUR STRICTLY ALL-WOOL SUITS AT \$2.50. Are well made and perfect fitting. We have a large variety of patterns to select from. We guarantee them equal to the \$3.50 suits sold elsewhere.

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\$250.00 BUYS Fountain Ave. lot, northeast corner Clay street, street improvements paid.
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